

## Mike Wells

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Cedar Falls School Board:

First and foremost, thank you for your service to the Cedar Falls community. Being a Cedar Falls School Board Member is a thankless job, and I appreciate your willingness to serve.

Unfortunately like the rest of the Cedar Valley, I have watched the events unfold in the past couple of weeks. I have been extremely disappointed with the way things have turned out with Mr. Wells. I do not know the ins and outs of what transpired, but as a parent of a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Orchard Hill and a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Peet Jr. High, I have seen firsthand the good that Mr. Wells has already brought to the Cedar Falls Schools. He is a leader with vision, and that is exactly what is needed for the future of our education in Cedar Falls. Mike has consistently stated his beliefs in moving this school district onward and upward, and I believe he is the man that get it accomplished.

My son, Adam, will be in high school in a couple of years, and I have been into that school and have seen the need for a new facility. *The time to act is now.* My daughter, Lauren, attends Orchard, and they are at capacity, even utilizing trailers as some classrooms. *The time to act is now.* Southdale is completely packed (even with the new addition), and there are 135+ lots planned off of Hudson Road. Where are these kids going to go to school? *The time to act is now.* Hansen is projected to have approximately 700 students next year. Where are they all going to fit? More trailers? *The time to act is now.* Meanwhile, we continue to watch the Waterloo Schools add brand new facilities, and we continue to limp our buildings along. Yes, taxes may rise, but for the betterment of our children's education, it is the right thing to do. *The time to act is now.*

My wife, Karen, and I met with Mike this morning regarding many items, and I was even more impressed with him then before we had met. We, along with many other parents and community members, are extremely saddened by the fact that we are going to let him leave our community and school district. *The time to act is now.* I am humbly asking that you seriously consider reinstating Mr. Wells as the Superintendent for the Cedar Falls School District. We will spend more time trying to find a new superintendent, then trying to continue to push this district forward. Mike has the wherewithal to make this district better. Why are we going to wait for someone who may/may not fit the mold of the district when we have someone in place now that has the vision to get it done? *The time to act is now.* This was not a unanimous decision of the Board, and I would ask that you ask yourselves, once again, "is this really the right thing to do for the district and for the future of our children?"

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Please seriously consider reinstating Mr. Wells contract. The community, the staff, the teachers have his support – we just need yours. *The time to act is TONIGHT!*

Humbly,

Dave

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